

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this amendment in order to respond to the Examiner's requirement for election of species set forth in the latest office action.

Applicants select Example 1 as the elected species as covered in claim 37 as now amended. Applicants maintain that claim 37 is the elected species claim and that Example 1 provides the antecedent basis. Applicants point out that in the office action of 3 September 2008 the Examiner indicated on page 4, line 7 that "colorants" was one of the choices of species within category (b) that he requested that Applicants select in order to respond to his requirement of election of species. Thus Applicants believe that in their last response they fully complied with the Examiner's requirement of election of species by submitting claim 37 as last presented.

Applicants wish to make it clear that the heart of their invention is the composition as set forth in Example 1 with the mixture of pre-ground, non-sieved granules of pulp cellulose, having a particle size distribution as set forth in claim 1 or more preferably in claim 5, and that the addition of one or more of the ingredients in category (b) is relatively trivial. The Examiner's attention is directed to the superior results obtained for the composition of example 1 as applied to coating walls according to Figures 1a, 1b, 2, 2a and 2b, and in comparison with the prior art

as set forth in Comparative Example 1 as applied to walls according to Figure 1.

Applicants now list claims 1 through 8, 11, 18 through 20 and 37 as readable on the elected species.

Applicants have indicated that all of the claims not readable on the elected species have been withdrawn.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Brunsman for his return telephone call of 29 April 2009 in which he indicated that claim 37 as originally presented was an acceptable elected species claim and that so long as Applicants list all claims readable on the elected species, Applicants have fully responded to the election of species requirement. The Examiner also indicated that he did in fact include "colorants" as one of the choices of species under category (b) in the office action of 3 September 2008 and that Applicants need not specify the colorant any further. The Examiner also gave the Applicants his assurance that his search of the prior art with respect to the elected species of claim 37, will reflect the particle size distribution set forth in claim 5 on which claim 37 depends.

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Applicants await an action "on the merits."

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